

**Fairfax County Park Authority  
Board Meeting  
December 14, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:30 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

**Board Members**

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman  
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman  
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary -Treasurer  
Edward R. Batten, Sr.  
William G. Bouie  
Kevin J. Fay  
Kenneth G. Feng  
Harry Glasgow  
Georgette Kohler  
George E. Lovelace  
Gilbert S. McCutcheon  
Winifred S. Shapiro

Guests: Citizens interested in the John C  
and Margaret K. White  
Horticultural Park

**Staff**

Timothy K. White, Deputy Director  
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring  
Bob Brennan  
Elisa Lueck  
Cindy Messinger  
Miriam Morrison  
Judy Pedersen  
Lynn Tadlock

Ray Alexander  
Gail Croke  
Sue Frinks  
Kirk Holley  
Juan Jefferson  
John Lehman  
Jim Miller  
Barbara Nugent  
Nancy Russo  
Kay Rutledge  
Ted Zavora

**AGENDA CHANGES**

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Since there were no changes, Mr. Strickland announced that he would proceed with the Agenda as publicized. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

**ACTION ITEMS****A-1 Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program Request - McLean-Great Falls Baseball - Lewinsville Park**

This item was reviewed by the Park Operations Committee on November 2, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Fay **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Mastenbrook Volunteer Matching Fund Grant Program request from McLean-Great Falls Baseball in the amount of \$10,000 toward the construction of an athletic field lighting system for the 90 -foot diamond field at Lewinsville Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-2 Scope Approval - Huntley Meadows Park Entrance Road and Parking Lot Renovation**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on December 7, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the project scope to renovate the entrance road and parking lot for Huntley Meadows Park; **SECONDED** by Mr. Lovelace, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-3 Annual Rental Rate Review of Park Authority Residential Rental Properties**

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on December 7, 2005 and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the rental rates for the residential properties as outlined in Policy 405, Rental Properties on Parklands. The rental rates will be effective as of January 1, 2006; **SECONDED** by Mr. Feng, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**A-4 Adoption of the Revised Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board adoption of the November 21, 2005, revised Fairfax County Purchasing Resolution; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

Mr. Fay recommended that the board communicate to the county that green purchasing incentives be included in the Purchasing Resolution with their revisions for next year. Without objection, Mr. Strickland referred the issue to the staff leadership team.

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**A-5 Appointments to the Fairfax County Park Foundation, Inc.**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board's concurrence for the appointment of Jean V. White and the reappointments of Paul Baldino, Robert Howell and Jennifer Sterling to the Board of Directors of the Fairfax County Park Foundation for a three year term; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present. There was no discussion on this item.

**INFORMATION ITEMS****I-1 Prescribed Meadow Burns at Four Park Locations**

This item was reviewed by the Resource Management Committee on November 9, 2005, and was approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

The board reviewed the item regarding Prescribed Meadow Burns at Four Park Locations. Without objection, the Park Authority Board requested staff to proceed with the prescribed burns scheduled for January and February 2006 at Sully Woodlands (west side of Pleasant Valley Road), Ellanor C. Lawrence Park (at Cabell's Mill), Riverbend Park (Jeffrey Road meadow) and Huntley Meadows Park (several small meadows west of the wetland complex). No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

**I-2 Quarterly Grants Update**

The board reviewed the item regarding Quarterly Grants Update. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

**CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS**

- **Meeting with County Executive to Discuss Communications Initiative and the Walk-on Field Use Policy**

Mr. Strickland reported that he, Mike Kane, and Judy Pedersen met with County Executive Anthony Griffin and Fairfax Public Information Officer Merni Fitzgerald to discuss the county's new Communications Initiative and how it relates to the Park Authority.

Mr. Strickland noted that the board received a copy of the memo he sent to Mr. Griffin dated December 7, 2005, which outlines the topics of discussion and our conclusions of the meeting. The three main items of concern were:

1. Review of documents by the county prior to press release. Ms. Fitzgerald and the County Executive quickly assured the Park Authority that they were comfortable with Ms. Pedersen's review of the documents.
2. Participation in monthly or quarterly thematic promotions. This could present a problem for the Park Authority, since it runs specials such as promotions for RECenter passes, etc. Ms. Fitzgerald and the County Executive agreed that the thematic promotions would be

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at the discretion of the Park Authority; however, the Park Authority's Public Information Office will participate in creation of a promotional calendar and attempt to capitalize and participate in the county's effort when appropriate.

3. Recognition of the Park Authority's brand on letterhead, brochures, strategic plan, and outreach programs. Mr. Griffin stated that he recognizes the importance of the Park Authority's branding and noted that as an authority the Park Authority could have sent a letter indicating it would continue to use its own branding; however, he appreciated the face-to-face meeting.

Mr. Strickland reported that the Park Authority took the opportunity to discuss the walk-on field use policy issue. Mr. Griffin asked the Park Authority to change the requirement for permits from 75 participants to 25. After discussion, the Park Authority and the County Executive agreed to change the number to 40. Mr. Griffin agreed to submit \$800,000 in the budget for enforcement of these types of activities for three purposes: overtime for police, overtime for school security, and funding of nine seasonal employees. Schools have recently agreed to the permit number and the County Attorney's Office has yet to render its opinion. Once everyone has agreed to the numbers, the County Executive will go forward with the budget.

- **Meeting with Board of Supervisors Chairman**

Mr. Strickland reported that this past Monday he and Mike Kane, Tim White, Judy Pederson and Christine Schuler met with Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald E. Connolly.

Mr. White did an excellent job of presenting the concept of Trailfest, a large event that is being planned by the Park Authority staff for May 6, 2006. The Cross County Trailfest will be an event that will include activities along the entire 38-mile length of the Cross County Trail, highlighting the Park Authority, its programs and services. It is anticipated to be the single largest community event in the history of the Park Authority and Fairfax County. There will be a presentation to the Park Authority Board on Trailfest at an upcoming board meeting.

Mr. Strickland reported that Chairman Connolly asked how the Park Authority was doing with regard to reaching his goal of obtaining 10% of the land in the county for open space.

Mr. Strickland responded that while the agency has acquisition dollars, the price of land has gone up significantly and that the Park Authority will probably be at risk to reach his goal. Chairman Connolly then asked what the Park Authority needed, and Mr. Strickland replied that it would need at least an additional \$10M. Chairman Connolly has also committed himself to the artificial turf fields. Chairman Connolly asked the Park Authority what it could do with its bond funds to enhance the artificial turf fields program. Mr. Strickland responded that the agency is deep into the bond program and all funds are obligated to the highest priority projects; therefore, there is no way to shift a meaningful amount of dollars

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around to make anything happen in the short term. This then led to a discussion of an opportunity for the Park Authority to have an interim bond. Chairman Connolly suggested that Mike Kane speak with Ed Long about the possibility of an interim bond.

- **Annual Joint meeting with EQAC**

Mr. Strickland stated that EQAC had distributed its annual report and reminded the board that in the past the board held a joint meeting with EQAC to discuss its recommendations. Mr. Strickland asked staff to contact EQAC to arrange for a mutually agreeable meeting date. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

- **Ribbon-cutting Ceremony for the Cross county Trail at Accotink Stream Valley Park**

Mr. Strickland reminded the board that on Saturday, December 17, 2005, a ribbon cutting for a portion of the Cross County Trail will be held at Accotink Stream Valley Park at 10 a.m.

**DIRECTOR'S MATTERS (presented by the Deputy Director)**

- **Loss of LeRoy Eakin, Jr.**

Mr. White reported that LeRoy Eakin, Jr. had passed away on November 9, 2005, at his home in McLean at the age of 90.

The Eakin family has been strong supporters of the Park Authority since 1951 when LeRoy and his brother John became the first land donors to the Fairfax County Park Authority. They donated land along Accotink Creek that enabled the fledgling Park Authority to acquire stream valley land at a time when no bond funds were available for land acquisition.

In 1966 Eakin Properties, chaired by LeRoy Eakin, established a trust fund to provide ongoing maintenance and other improvements to Eakin Park. To date the trust fund has provided \$170,086 in matching funds for Eakin Park.

His niece, Laura Eakin Erlacher, holds a seat on the Park Foundation Board.

- **Outstanding Performance Award Recipients**

Mr. White stated that he was pleased to announce that several Park Authority staff members have recently received awards.

A number of Park Authority employees were honored as recipients of Outstanding Performance (OPA's) Awards at a ceremony held in the Government Center Forum on Friday, November 18, 2005. The awards were presented by Board of Supervisors Chairman Gerald Connolly and County Executive Anthony Griffin.

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The Park Authority recipients of the OPAs are:

- Ray Alexander, Assistant Manager at Lee RECenter and Bethany Timmes, Assistant Manager at Audrey Moore RECenter took on the unassigned task of hosting monthly Park/Recreation Assistant meetings to provide across the system training, sharing of ideas, communication of policies, updating of processes and relaying of changes in procedures which resulted in greater efficiency and communication among the RECenters, better internal and external customer service, and most importantly afforded staff members a voice in how their jobs are viewed and actually accomplished.
- Rick Owens, Laurel Hill Golf Course, was tasked with growing-in the new golf course--a job at which he excelled through his leadership, expertise and dedication. The golf course has received rave reviews by representatives of local and national golf organizations, players and the media. Through the dedicated work of the staff he has assembled and trained, the golf course is poised to be among the very top in the area and regional golf courses.
- Tammy Schwab, Cub Run RECenter's Senior Interpreter, Naturalist/Historian, accomplished the difficult and complex task of developing a unique environmental education program for a new facility serving new park lands and communities while quickly developing public relations and coordinating with several divisions. Revenue and visitation have exceeded expectations.
- Angela White, Opening Manager at Providence RECenter, was honored for her behind the scenes work that begins at 4 a.m. each workday. Angela has never been late, nor has she ever missed her opening shift. She deals with safety and security issues, supervises the custodial crew and oversees the maintenance needs for the facility, as well as the set-up for classes. She is responsible for hiring, training, and evaluating Providence's seasonal manager-on-duty staff, and reviews the RECenter's payroll for accuracy. Angela has become Providence's "go to person." She has expressed an interest in furthering her management skills by learning more about aquatic programming and operation, and is researching an aluminum and plastic recycling program for vending machines at all nine RECenters.
- Cindy Brown, Naturalist at Green Spring Gardens, willingly assumed greater responsibility during the major changes in management staff beginning with the departure of a co-worker in 2003, followed by the retirement of the assistant site manager in 2004, and culminating with the departure of the site manager in May 2005, while continuing her duties as Adult Programs Coordinator. Cindy was promoted to Assistant Manager in May 2005, managing the park until a new manager was hired in August. The smooth transition of leadership at Green Spring Gardens has been a nearly seamless process due to Cindy's outstanding performance.

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- Cindy Messinger, Resource Management Division Director, received a Managerial Excellence Award. In two decades of exceptional work on the active recreation side of the Park Authority, Cindy's outstanding managerial skills took her from an entry-level position of assistant recreation specialist to Director of the Park Services Division and the helm of the agency's revenue operations. Then in 2004, when retirement left a vacancy at the top of the Resource Management Division, Cindy accepted a new challenge, mastered new and multiple sets of knowledge and learned how to lead a new team with skills in areas entirely new to her. Her efforts in the past year and a half significantly advanced the Park Authority's stewardship mission and the county's commitment to resource protection.
- **GIS Awards**  
The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Excellence Awards recognize individual county employees, teams and departments that have demonstrated exceptional utilization of GIS. The awards were announced by Braddock District Supervisor Sharon Bulova, and Wanda Gibson, Chief Technology Officer and Director of the Department of Information Technology. Winners have used GIS to improve business processes, perform geographic analysis, visualize projects and improve efficiency.  
  
A GIS Day award was given to Buddy Rose, GIS Analyst I for his entry of the Cross County Trails Map. Buddy received 2<sup>nd</sup> place for Cartographic use of GIS. Buddy came to the Park Authority in July from GIS.  
  
The Park Authority was also awarded the Best GIS Day Exhibit. Visitors were impressed with their demonstrated use of GIS for studying archeological sites by analyzing historic aerial imagery from 1937, 1954, and current digital photos along with other GIS layers in the database. This process enables us to compare the land of the past to the current.  
  
Certificates of GIS Excellence were also awarded to following:  
Michelle Dawson, Park Operations, for her map on Park Maintenance Mowed Areas  
Lynne Johnson, Planning and Development's Financial Planning Branch, Mason District Public Facilities  
Buddy Rose, Planning and Development, Cell Towers within Parks  
John Rutherford, Cultural Resources, 1937 Map of Centreville

- **EOAC Recognition - Janet Rahman**  
The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors presented a 2005 Environmental Excellence Award to Janet Rahman, an employee of the Park Authority's Administration Division, on November 21, 2005. Janet received the award in the "County Employee" category because of her extraordinary personal commitment, dedication and inspiration in the promotion of reuse, recycling and waste reduction. Among numerous other efforts, Janet promotes the

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purchase of recycled office supplies, and, on her own time, takes recyclable waste to recycling centers, compostable waste to her backyard compost bins, collects reusable clothes for her church clothes closet, and collects salvageable towels and rags which she delivers to the Animal Shelter. She also supports the Aluminum Cans for Burned Children program by having a can crusher installed in our 9<sup>th</sup> floor Herrity break room. Her actions include initiatives within the Fairfax County Park Authority, as well as broader efforts through the Employee Recycling Committee. These actions have changed the mind-set of many employees in further support of waste reduction, reuse, and recycling goals.

Rahman is a 20-year employee with the Park Authority and she works for Miriam Morrison, Director of Administration as an administrative assistant. Janet embodies the old-fashioned farmer spirit by using non-renewable resources fully, recycling as a survival principle, and always looking toward the vision of a sustainable environment for her grandchildren and the generations beyond them. Janet does not preach Environmental Excellence with words. She demonstrates it with her faithful caring actions.

The Environmental Excellence Awards are designed to recognize efforts that promote the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' environmental goals. These goals were adopted by the board to foster a sustainable and vibrant living environment both now and in the future.

- **Les Dorson Awards**

Two members of the Park Authority family received the 2005 Les Dorson Awards last night at the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Banquet. The Les Dorson Public Service Awards are made in honor of Les Dorson, former Vice Chairman of the Lee District Association.

Ed Batten received the Distinguished Public Service Leadership Award. He has served with distinction as the Lee District appointee to the Fairfax County Park Authority for three years. He serves on the Park Services Committee, the Resource Management Committee, the Planning and Development Committee, and serves as chair of the Administration/Management Committee. His contributions include day-to-day park operations as well as policy matters such as athletic field lighting, bond referenda, and park land dedication. He is quite active on the Lee District Land Use and Transportation Advisory Committee, not only on park matters, but also in more general planning and zoning issues. In both his Land Use and Park activities, his natural leadership is valued.

Sousan Frankeberger has received the Les Dorson 2005 Distinguished Public Service Professional Award for outstanding contributions by a working level member of the County staff to the citizenry of Lee District and Fairfax County.

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Sousan was nominated by Supervisor Dana Kauffman and his aide Linda Waller for her dedicated service, creativity and drive to make music an important part of our summers. Thanks to Sousan, summers in Lee District are filled with music and dance. The Lee District citizens enjoy **Lee Nights** free concerts from June through the end of August in two locations: Wednesdays at the amphitheater in Lee District Park and Fridays at the Kingstowne Towne Center.

As much as Sousan gives to the community, her job with the Park Authority cannot be *all-Lee-District-all-the-time*. Her focus on outdoor cultural recreation in Fairfax County began in 1991 with "**Arts in the Parks**," a Saturday morning children's entertainment series. She expanded that program to include an entire summertime outdoor concert series in parks across the county. Today, Sousan manages six summer outdoor concert series with over 200 performances at fifteen different park sites. These free performances are funded entirely by donations through small neighborhood businesses to major corporations including The Washington Post, Giant Food, and McDonald's.

Sousan initiated and still administers PACT (Parks and Community Together) to provide summer camp scholarships for children from the county's homeless shelters. In the five years since the start of this program, she has raised more than \$100,000, covering summer camp costs for 240 children from 6 to 17 years of age who live in temporary housing facilities in Fairfax County including Lee District's Mondloch House among others.

- **Neighborhood College**

One of the programs associated with the county's Strengthening Neighborhoods Building Communities initiative is the Neighborhood College, a six to eight week series of presentations by various county agencies and organizations aimed at providing information about the county's organization and functions for potential community leaders. The program has been in existence for about two years, but the Park Authority has never been one of the organizations included. This fall, the Neighborhood College focused on the Braddock/Annandale area and the Park Authority was invited to participate with a 30-minute presentation. Charlie Bittenbring coordinated development of the presentation presenting information on the Park Authority's organization, functions, and opportunities for public involvement, with particular information on Wakefield Park and Lake Accotink Park.

Mr. Bittenbring; Julie Tahan, Assistant Manager at Lake Accotink Park; and Bill Hellwig, Manager at Audrey Moore RECenter presented to the group on November 10, 2005.

- **Tri-county Parkway Update**

On November 17, 2005, the Commonwealth Transportation Board selected the "West Two" alignment option for the Tri-County Parkway. The "West Two" route is located west of the

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Manassas National Battlefield Park and connects Prince William County's Route 234 interchange, running north of I-66 to the Loudoun County line and connects to the Loudoun County Parkway.

The proposed Comp Plan alignment was not selected because of the extensive environmental and park impacts; however, the alignment remains on the adopted Comprehensive Plan. The Park Authority joined forces with Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to advocate against the Comp Plan alignment as it was too costly to the parks, environmental and cultural resources, and to the taxpayer.

- **Lincoln Lewis Vanoy Park 2232**

The Planning Commission unanimously passed the 2232 application submitted by the Fairfax County Facilities Management Division to provide lights for three existing baseball fields and to add a storage/utility shed and an electronic scoreboard on the Lincoln Lewis Vanoy parcel located at 12470 Braddock Road.

In concession to the community, and with the agreement of SYA, the original 2232 had been amended before going to the Planning Commission. The amendments included:

- Omission of lighting of the existing (but undersized and not regulation) 90' diamond
- Operation of lights only until 10 p.m., and
- Elimination of practices under lights; use of lights for games only

SYA is working with DPWES and the County Attorney's office to draft a use agreement that will go to the Board of Supervisors for authorization to hold a public hearing that is expected to occur sometime late in January.

- **RMD Welcomes Cindy Walsh**

Mr. White congratulated Cindy Walsh on her promotion as the new Site Operations Manager for the Resource Management Division. Cindy will have direct responsibility for oversight of the historic sites, nature centers, Historic Properties Rental Service, Frying Pan Park, and Green Spring Gardens. She will be a valuable management team member who brings a variety of expertise and experience to her new position. Prior to her promotion, she had been the RECenter Operations Manager for the past four years. Cindy has been transitioning for the past two weeks with Jim Pomeroy, Manager of Hidden Pond Nature Center who served as the Acting Site Operations Manager since May. Mr. White thanked Jim for his contribution and effort. Jim has done a wonderful job working directly with the site managers, helping Cindy Messinger and participating on a variety of work teams.

- **First History Conference a Great Success!**

On November 12, 2005, the Fairfax Commission, Fairfax County Park Authority, Architectural Review Board, and the Fairfax Museum and Visitors Center hosted the

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County's first History Conference – "People, Places and Preservation" at the Ellmore Farm Center in Frying Pan Park. This newly renovated facility received universal praise by all attendees. The event was a great success with over 130 participants representing over 15 historical societies and museum/history organizations in the area.

Board of Supervisors Chairman Connelly kicked off the event with opening remarks on the need to protect our valuable cultural resources and thanked those in attendance for their foresight and dedication to this cause. Ron Maxwell, documentary filmmaker and producer of "Gettysburg" and "Gods and Generals" eloquently spoke of preserving our civil war sites and the need to continue our perseverance to protect our cultural lands. Throughout the day there were panel presentations including "Preserving Our History" and small group sessions covering topics such as "Lesson Learned- the National Register Nomination Process," "Inventory of Historical Sites," and "Historic Places in a Changing Fairfax County." There were also 10 different displays sponsored by the various organizations attending the conference.

Mr. White announced that a second annual history conference is already in the works due to the success of the first one. More information on the conference is featured in the winter issue of ResOURces.

Mr. White thanked Michael Rierson, Liz Crowell, Jeanne Nichols, Yvonne Johnson and the Resource Management Division staff that assisted in making this event such a success.

- **Animal Shelter/Veterinarian Office**

Yesterday, Mr. Kane received a call from County Executive Anthony Griffin, regarding the possibility of locating a new county animal shelter and potentially a veterinarian office at the equestrian center site in Laurel Hill Park. Mr. Griffin suggested that Supervisor Hyland is very supportive of this concept and that potentially this could be developed through a public/private partnership. Mr. Griffin asked if the Park Authority would be willing to provide a staff member to participate in the feasibility analysis of this concept. Mr. Kane told the County Executive that he would be willing to provide the support requested as long as the Park Authority Board had no objections.

After discussion, Mr. Strickland requested Mr. Kane to select a staff member to participate in the feasibility analysis for the animal shelter/veterinarian office at the equestrian center site in the Laurel Hill Park. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

- **Lawyers Road Park Master Plan Hearing**

Mr. White reminded the board of the Lawyers Road Park Master Plan Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 7 p.m. at Flint Hill School. Mr. White also noted that if schools are closed due to inclement weather the meeting would be cancelled.

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**OTHER MATTERS**

- McCutcheon stated that the Washington Post carried an article relating to an arrangement that Supervisor Hyland and Chairman Connolly had entered into some sort of agreement with the schools regarding development of a parking lot at Laurel Hill. Mr. McCutcheon stated that he was trying to gather information and asked if anyone was aware of this agreement. No one had any information.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS**

NOTE: Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month except when there is only one board meeting in the month such as November and December. Committee minutes will be entered FOR THE RECORD at the January 25, 2006 Park Authority Board meeting.

**BOARD MATTERS**

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and a wonderful New Year.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda reported that a beautiful Black History celebration was held in November at the Clark House. The highlight of the event was the attendance of Mrs. Thurgood Marshall.

Mr. Vajda acknowledged the presence of neighbors of the Margaret K. White Horticultural Park in the gallery and stated that they had attended for the review of the master plan; however, the plan requires some revisions and did not go forward at this meeting.

Mr. Vajda wished everyone happy, joyous and blessed holidays.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon raised a question concerning the annual financial disclosure forms. He asked Mr. Strickland if he could have someone determine if all the forms are required. After board discussion, Mr. Strickland asked Mr. White to contact the County Attorney's office to determine if the long form is indeed required. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Mr. McCutcheon extended Season's Greeting to all!

- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro reported that Park Authority staff and DPWES staff participated in a pre-dredging meeting with the neighbors of Lake Accotink. Attendance was very small, which was interpreted as enthusiasm, satisfaction, and trust. She thanked John Lehman, Tawny

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Hammond, and the Lake Accotink staff for being there and doing a good job of explaining the project and answering questions. She also extended thanks to the DPWES staff who participated in the meeting.

Mrs. Shapiro thanked park staff for providing updated maps of Fairfax County parkland. However, she noted that the map no longer shows the magisterial district boundaries. She stated that she personally finds magisterial boundaries to be a useful tool.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay reported that the dedication of the Potomac Gorge Trail took place on Saturday, December 10, 2005. Mr. Fay thanked Judy Pedersen, Cindy Messinger, and Marty Smith from Riverbend Park. The event had good media coverage -- WTOP and The Washington Post. He also thanked McLean High School AP Environmental Science class that provided a presentation.

Mr. Fay asked staff to provide an update on the turf field process in January 2006. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

Mr. Fay provided each board member with a copy of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the McLean Little League. Mr. Fay stated that even if one is not a baseball fan it is fun to read and contains a lot of county history. Mr. Fay provided a copy for the director's office for staff's availability. After discussion, it was noted that Mr. Fay also penned the inside cover note.

Mr. Fay suggested that if the board would like to have a social event the first Wednesday in January, he would be happy to organize the event.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten thanked everyone who attended the Lee District 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Civic Association Banquet on Tuesday, December 13, 2005. Mr. Batten thanked Messrs. Glasgow, Kane and Brennan for attending. Mr. Batten stated that it was a privilege to be honored by his district.

Mr. Batten wished everyone a very blessed and happy Christmas, and a most merry and a very successful New Year.

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- **Georgette Kohler**

On behalf of the Park Authority Board, Mr. Strickland welcomed Georgette Kohler back to the board meetings, and stated that the board shares in her sadness on the death of her sister.

Georgette Kohler thanked everyone for their kind thoughts, words and expressions of sympathy.

Ms. Kohler wished everyone Happy Holidays.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace reported that there was a lot of discussion of turf fields at the November Athletic Council meeting. Standards have not been identified; it is not a done deal. One significant thing that came out of the meeting was that schools are interested in developing a partnership with someone (a logical partner might be the Park Authority). Schools are in the process of putting together a position paper, and he is hoping to get an opportunity to review it before it goes to the Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Lovelace stated that if anyone was interested in seeing a turf field that is being developed they should come to the Town of Vienna to see Waters Field which is being developed by Vienna Youth, Inc., Vienna Babe Ruth Baseball, Fairfax County School Board, Fairfax County and the Town of Vienna.

Mr. Lovelace thanked Supervisor Kauffman as well as Mr. Batten for their hospitality and generosity at the Lee District open house. This event gave him an opportunity to see a number of people he had not seen in years.

Mr. Lovelace wished everyone a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow stated that it was great to know that Mr. Batten and Ms. Frankeberger were honored with the Les Dorson Awards at the Lee District Association of Civic Organizations 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Banquet. Mr. Glasgow was quite proud that the Park Authority did so well.

Mr. Glasgow extended holiday wishes to all.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie reiterated Mr. White's reference to the Lawyers Road Park Master Plan Public Hearing scheduled for Thursday, December 15, 2005, at Flint Hill Elementary School at 7 p.m. Mr. Bouie stated that this has been a very smooth process, and staff has done a tremendous job.

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Mr. Bouie extended kudos to staff in their move forward in the technology world. Mr. Bouie stated that he was pleased to be able to go to the website to download and to highlight pertinent information from the website.

Mr. Bouie stated that Hunter Mill District for the third year has the honor of having a World Series umpire announced for next year's World Series, Jim Briden.

Mr. Bouie extended wishes for the happiest and most blessed of holidays and Christmas to all.

- **Harold L. Strickland**

Mr. Strickland thanked the Park Authority Board Members for their hard work in 2005 especially in dealing with some tough issues. Mr. Strickland stated that he also appreciates the support the Board receives from its staff. Mr. Strickland stated that this board could not function without good support from its wonderful staff.

Mr. Strickland wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Mr. Strickland looks forward to seeing everyone back in 2006.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:37 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board convene in closed session for

- a. Discussion of the acquisition or disposition of real property for a public purpose, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of this public body in **all Magisterial Districts** pursuant to Virginia Code 2.2 – 3711(A)(3)

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

- Update on Land Acquisition in the Providence District
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Sully District
- Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District

Land Acquisition Matters were discussed.

At 8:50 p.m. Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board return to the Open Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

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**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board certify that, to the best of our knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Virginia Code 2.2 -3712 and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting by the Board ; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**ACTIONS FROM CLOSED SESSION**

**NOTE: For consistency in reporting and future research, the Administrative Assistant keeps all items in numerical order as discussed during Closed Session.**

**C-1 Update on Land Acquisition in the Providence District**

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Wedderburn Associate LLC land donation and to sign the following resolution as discussed in Closed Session:

[Wedderburn Properties]

At a regular meeting of the Board of the Fairfax County Park Authority held in the Herrity Building, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, on Wednesday, December 14, 2005 at which meeting a quorum was present and voting, the following resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of the Fairfax County Park Authority has determined and hereby declares that it is necessary to acquire for public park purposes certain property with in the Providence District, and identified by Fairfax County Tax Map Number 39-3 ((1)) 35A; 39-3 ((35)) A, B, C, which property contains 0.6348 acres of land, more or less,

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority, in cooperation with the County Attorney, is directed to acquire as soon as possible the property described above in fee simple absolute by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, on the terms and conditions outlined in closed session.

The undersigned Secretary -Treasurer of the Fairfax County Park Authority certifies that the foregoing constitutes a true, complete and correct copy of the Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Park Authority held on December 14, 2005.

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To be signed by the Secretary, Fairfax County Park Authority Board. Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant, will notarize the Resolution.

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**C-2**

**Update on Land Acquisition in the Sully District**

Mr. Glasgow **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the replacement/switching of the properties in the Sully District as listed on the 2005-2006 Planning and Development Workplan as discussed in Closed Session; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

**C-3**

**Update on Land Acquisition in the Dranesville District**

There was no action on this item.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:51 p.m. Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow, and **APPROVED** with all Board Members being present.

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Frank S. Vajda  
Secretary-Treasurer

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Michael A. Kane, Director

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